## Examiner's Amendments

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

## Telephonic Interview Summery

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roger Zimmerman February 10, 2009.

## Amendments to the Claims

Claims 23 and 40-57 have been cancelled.

In Claim 32, line 1, delete "treatment prevents" and insert — method treats—in its place:

In claim 34, line 1, delete "treatment prevents" and insert — method treats – in its place;

In claim 37. line 1, delete "prevents" and insert - treats -- in its place; and

In Claim 38 delete "improved feedlot performance", delete "decrease in finishing time", delete "lower digestive morbidity and mortality", delete "improved feed conversion

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efficiency", delete "decrease roughage content", and delete "capability to feed on relatively higher concentrate diets".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KADE ARIANI whose telephone number is (571)272-6083. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Withyshin can be reached on 571-2720926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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